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FALKLAND ISLANDS: MESSAGE TO COMODORO CAVANDOLI

1. Following discussion in OD on 2 July and as requested by Mr Ridley, I <u>submit</u> two draft telegrams to Buenos Aires.

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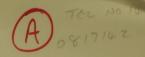
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Falkland Islands.

1. Ministers have now considered the options for progress in the dispute. Strictly for your own information, it has been agreed that Mr Ridley should seek a further exploratory and strictly confidential meeting with Cavandoli in order to assess the possibilities for a political settlement based on lease-back and joint development of resources. In the light of such a meeting, Ministers would consider the prospects and decide whether to seek Islanders' views and to undertake formal negotiations.

2. It is imperative that knowledge of what is proposed should be restricted to as few people as possible, both on Argentine side and ours. If Islanders or the lobby were to get any wind of it, and were to claim that we were going behind their backs, the political damage would be very serious.

3. Please now deliver personally to Cavandoli message in mift (which is deliberately couched in very general terms). When doing so, you should stress overriding importance of maintaining

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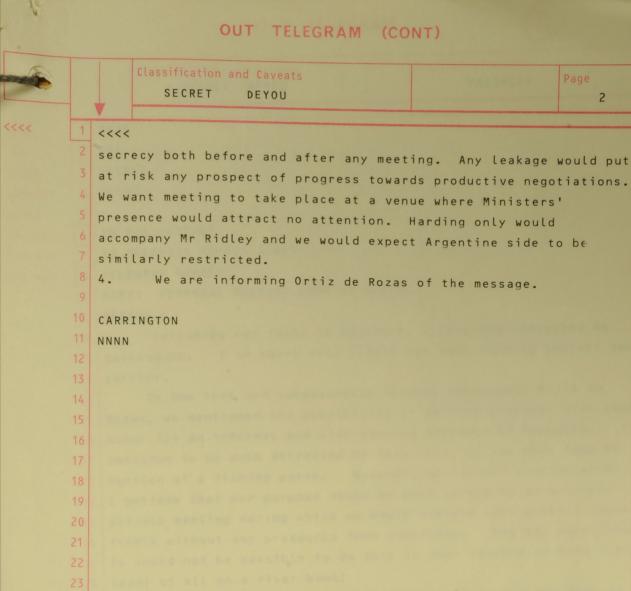
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would suit me - but later dates that suit you would also be acceptable. This might perhaps be best in Europe. (Geneva or Venice might be suitable venues). I would propose bringing only one Spanish speaking official with me. We would need, I imagine, one or to - <<< I imagine, one or to the two days together. Please let me know what you think. Best wishes."

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